THE CANDIDATE

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tured the nomination, and, while the cheers are still ringing, he slips from the hall and speeds to Grayson's hotel in the hope of being the first to announce the news. Grayson and Harley have already met upon friendly teams, and the former and his wife receive the great news with calmness. Harley, being wired by his paper to stay with Grayson until after election night, is invited by the candidate to and others journals that would call him parley at the door, by a tall and slender maid, who accuses him of concealing a camera beneath his coat and expresses doubt as to his intentions. Harley is miffed, but fancies the girl to be a servant the representative of the New York Month of the control of the New York Month of the New the representative of the far West variety. His surprise in recognizing her at dimer as Grayson's niece, Miss Sylvia Morgan, from Idaho, amounts to embarrassment. Sylvia chaffs Harley still further about his profession, until he is led on, through pique, to converse brilliantly of his foreign experiences in the effort to impress the girl from Idaho with his knowledge of the world and the dignity of his calling. The candidate and and the dignity of his calling. The candidate and

CHAPTER II .- Continued.

Harley could talk well, all the better because he talked so rarely of himself, and even now it was of bimsef only by indirection, because he spoke chiefly of men whom he had known and deeds that he had witnessed. Watching the girl closely with the side-look, he did not see the twinkle reappear in her eye; instead she

"Did I not tell you. Uncle James, that imagination was the great quality the

correspondents need?'
Harley flushed, but he could not keep from joining Mr. Grayson in his laugh. The candidate, besides laughing, glanced affectionately at the girl. _c was evident that his niece was a favorite with

"I shall ask Miss Morgan to tell me about Idaho," said Harley.
"It's quite wild, you know," she said, gravely; "and all the people need taming. But it would be a great task."

they went back to the drawingroom Harley and the girl were behind 'Miss Morgan," he said, "I want to

in the dark, and mine was an nonest mis-'I will if you will tell me one thing."

'Have you really got a camera with

If I had I should take a picture of ou and not of Mr. Grayson," Harley remained a while longer, and Harley remained a while longer, and Miss Mergan's treatment remained familiar and somewhat disconcerting, rather like the manner of an elder sister to her young brother than of a girl to a man whom she had known only two or three hours. When he rose to leave, she again hours. When he rose to leave, she again offered him her hand with perfect cool-

Mr. Harley," she said, "because you to see me again. When you come to was at his heels.

girl who was not of his kind, and whom man, he could not retort upon her in he

and he saw the Idaho girl bass in front campletely outlined by the luminous veil seemed to him to express a singular, flexible grace-perhaps the result of mountain life-but he was loath to admit it, as she troubled him. Harley, al-though young, had been in many lands and among many people. He had seen many women who were beautiful, and some who were brilliant, but it had

ner, but she would not go, and he was intensely annoyed with himself. We went to the telegraph office, wrote seemed that everybody except himself the houses were out, and there was no as it came in from the prairie and stirthis is our wicked America, for which my foreign friends used to offer me sin-

cere condolences!" murmured Harley, mental disturbance. He feit as he used knew was coming off, there on the other army which he was not at all sure was top in the night, looking at the flickering that the combat would be joined at

ARMY FIRELESS COOKERS.

Capt. Murray's Invention a Succes

From the Cleveland Leader.

in Serving Troops with Hot Food.

One of the latest arrangements the

for its soldiers is the fireless cooker, in-

of absence, and living here. He is the

He turned back to the hotel, and when he entered the lobby a swarm of men fell upon him and demanded the instant delivery of any news which he might der a decision." atter election night, is invited by the candidate to accompany him on his journey home the following morning. He does so, and shares in the interest Mr. and Mrs. Grayson arouse throughout the trip, On the day of their arrival, Harley, in response to an invitation to dine with the Graysons, reaches the house before his hest and hostess have returned to the invitation to dine with the Graysons, reaches the house before his hest and hostess have returned to the instant that any house which he might have and they had not. They were correspondents who had come by every train that afternoon—Hobart, Churchill, Blaisdell, Lawson, and others, making more than a score—some representing journals that and others journals that would call him

"You are a good man for the Monitor, Churchill," said Harley, sharply. "Your humor is in perfect accord with the high taste displayed, and you show the sam dignity and consideration in your references to political opponents."

"Oh, I see," Churchill, sneering just as he had been taught to sneer by the Monitor. "He is the first guest to dine with the Presidential nominee, and he is overpowered by the honor."
"You shut up, Churchill!" said Hobart

twinkle reappear in her eye; instead she another of the correspondents. "You sat demure and silent, and he judged shan'n't pick a quarrel with Harley, and that he had taken her beyond her depth.

At last he stopped, and she said, in a There are enough of us to see that you

Churchill, who said nothing more, and began to tell his friends of Grayson. Harley turned his back scornfully upon "He is an orator," he said. "We know that by undoubted report, and his manner is simple and most agreeable. He has more of the quality called personal magnetism than any other man I ever saw."
"What of his ability?" asked Trenaine, the oldest of the corresp

Harley thought a little while before replying.
"I can't make up my mind on that point," he said, "I find in him, so far as I can see, a certain simplicity, I might almost say an innocence, which is remarkable. He is unlike the other public men whom I have met, but I don't know whether this innocence indicates superask your pardon again. You know it was ficiality or a tact and skill lying to the dark, and mine was an annest mis-

"Well, we are to be with him five onths," said Tremaine, "and it is our business to find out."

CHAPTER III.

room, where he snatched a quick break that her childhood had been in complete fast, he saw the sun shoot out of the prairie like a great red cannon ball and the world swim up into a sea of rosy light. Then he ran for the special train, that her childhood had been in complete fast, he saw the sun shoot out of the prairie like a great red cannon ball and the world swim up into a sea of rosy light. Then he ran for the special train.

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there with his fellows until the train was The night was quite dark, and when he well clear of the city and the straggling distinct rense of relief, because he was next coach to see Mr. and Mrs. Grayson,

of his for seclusion or as an artificial aid proached the compartment, expecting to announced by the porter, but a veiled been doing?" be announced by the porter, but a velocity and it is our duty in the seat next to it rose up before him. She lifted the veil, which was not a disguise, instead being intended not a disguise, instead being intended not a disguise, instead being intended asperity; "and if I have been unlucky to show it to her."

"Miss Morgan has never before," said Hobart, "and it is our duty to show it to her."

Hobart, who drove, put Miss Morgan

she said, "that your farewell was use- tested, twelve hours. I wanted to tell you last right that I was going on this train, as Uncle James has great confidence in my political judgment and feels the conthey hardly made a ripple in the stream to recall them. He had expected to dis-

> his attention was called again by the bold, fine curve of her chin, and he was more delicate and more attractive quali-ties." Then he said aloud, and politely:

'No, you have merely looked it.

"I do not always look as I feel," said Harley, in embarrassment, "and I want to tell you, Miss Morgan, that I am very glad you are going with us on this

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson received him with courtesy, even with warmth, and Harley saw that he had made new progress in their esteem. He remained with them only a few minutes, and he said nothing about the objectionable conduct of Miss upon their door. He deemed it wiser to she was only an insignificant and momentary incident of the campaign, not really relevant. Chicago was merery a beginning, and they would drop her there. When he returned from the drawingroom, she was still sitting near the door,

"Did you find him in a good humor?" "I think Mr. Grayson is always in a

good humor, or at least he is able to ap-"I doubt whether perpetual good humor

or the appearance of it, is desirable. One ought to make a difference in favor of friends; I do not care to present an amia-She pursed up her lips and looked

When Uncle James goes to Washington to take the Presidency," she contin-ued, "he will need me to protect him from people who have no business with

"I hope the last remark is not per-

"Oh, no," she said; "I recognize the fact that the press must be tolerated." Harley again felt piqued, and, not willand began to talk to her of her Western life. He wished to know more about the He was afraid of her sharp tongue.

"I don't intend that you shall forget station, and the flock of correspondents readily adaptable, and the addition of a new member to Mr. Grayson's party But was at his heels.

Harley saw Mr. and Mrs. Grayson was surprised and shocked to find that type, she was a favorable specimen within Washington in search of news, I shall be there as the second lady of the land— alighting from a cab, and, satisfied with the one glance, he entered the car and the one glance, he entered the car and the one glance, he entered the car and the one glance, with these second lady of the land— the one glance, he entered the car and the one glance, he entered the car and the one glance, with these second lady of the land— type, she was a layorable specimen with the one glance, he entered the car and the one glance the one glance, he entered the car and the one glance the one glance the car and the one glance th "Oh, of course, I forgot that," said sought his place. Always, like the they seemed to be much better comrades men, yet she was able to keep them at trained soldier, he located his camp, or rather base, before beginning his operations, and he made himself comfortable there with his fellows until the train was the careless of speech, returning from the Grayson car, informed him that she was rance only that Harley now charged her a "great giri, as fine as silk."

"And what if it does?" replied Hobart, making, as it were, a dinner call. coolly. "I often find the Bowery both noon," said Hobart, "and Tremaine and I The candidate and his wife had taken terse and truthful. And in this case the have asked Miss Morgan to go driving. time for thought or rest. Harley ap- speak of you, Harley, and I don't think all, Harley, who had been under much she likes you, old man. What have you strain for some time, was not averse to

not a disguise, instead being intended asperity; "and if I have been unlucky to show it to her. Hobart, who drove, put Miss Morgan upon the seat beside him, and Tremaine dure it as best I can."

that one gathers on a railroad journey.

He rested his pad on the car seat and "But the city is flat and unviolenced by the absence of rules, egan to write, but Mice Means and "But the city is flat and unviolenced by the city is flat and unviolenced b created by his birth and associations. "But the city is flat and unpicturesque," began to write, but Miss Morgan intruded once said Harley. "You look as if you meant that," she berself in the first line. This question

of character, created by environment, so much of silence and grandeur in Idaho greatest care, but he saw that it remained have found no fault with what he wrote would apply to her as well as to her that I enjoy the sight of two million peo- independent; so far, it neither indersed He gave the last page of the dispatch uncle, but Harley, angrily refusing to con-ple at work on this billiard table that is nor attacked Grayson; and, also, he had to the telegraph boy, and entered the se-sider it, tore off the sheet of paper and, Chicago. I like my own kind, I like to a telegram from his editor instructing cluded box that held Mrs. Grayson and throwing it on the floor, began again. The second trial was more successful, and he soon became absorbed in the effort to describe Mr. Grayson and his remarkable personality, which might be either deep and complex or of the simplest West-crn type.

Chicago. I like my own kind, I like to a telegram from his editor instructing him to narrate the events of the strictest impartiality, not only as concerned facts, but, above all, to transmit the exact color and atmost the events of the events

SYNOPSIS PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

James Madison Grayson-familiarly known as "Jiamy" Grayson-the dark horse at a national control, has just been nominated as candidate of his parts for the Presidency. Young Harley, corresponding as an enemy for him, too. It was the same now when he was to go on a long that the young lawyer from the far West has captured the nomination, and, while the cheers are still pringing, he slips from the hall and speeds to Gray.

girl from Idaho was the center and the with them all, to the gerat surprise of Harley, who had known her longer than they, and who had not been able to get on with her at all, and he sat rather on the fringe of the throng saving but lift.

ne seemed, as before, too bold, too boisterous, too much the mountain maid, although he could not analyze any particular incident as wrong in itself. And clearly she had wen the liking, even the addration, of his associates, all of whom were men of wide experience. Tremaine, the dean of the corps, a ruddy, white-haired old fellow, who had written diswarmed visibly to Miss Morgan. "It is always the way with those old gallants." ing to retire with the sense of defeat was Harley's silent comment. But he fresh upon him, he sat down near her had never before characterized Tremaine

That's a queer expression to apply to a They reached Chicago the next mornhad gone a few yards Harley stopped suburbs that hung to it like a ragged lady," said Harley. "It smacks of the louse. He felt a fringe. Then he decided to go into the Bowery." door of Harley's room at the hotel.

the did not know how to take; being a the drawing-room, not from any desire expression fits Miss Morgan. She's the She has accepted, but it takes four to real article-no fuss and frills, just a make a party, and you are the lucky to greatness, but because he saw that daughter of the West, never pretending fourth."

it was necessary if he would have any that she is what she isn't. I heard her He allowed no protestations, and, after

> an hour or two in the fresh air. "Miss Morgan has never been in Chicago

He spoke in an indifferent tone, as it and Harley, who sat behind, occupied his endurance would not be severely what was to some extent the post of dis-

stant need of my advice, but I was afraid you would not believe me. So I have preferred to let you see for your
Morgan from his thoughts. Mr. Gray
She had an eager interest in everything the have preferred to let you see for your
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Streets, and the glimpses of the wide, son would speak that night in Chicago, green lake. Harley saw that Chicago She gave Harley a look which he could and an audience of twenty thousand peo-not interpret as anything but saucy, and ple was assured; this fact and the other ination than in his, and he began to fear one, that it would be his initial address, that he had been neglectful; it was the making the event of the first importance. most concrete expression of the West, nine kind-perhaps in such moments Harley as a correspondent was able not and, as the greatest achievement of a women tremble for their men more than mountains surely develops courage and only to chronicle facts, which is no great new people in city building, it deserved attention for qualities peculiarly its own. had plenty of sympathy for Mrs. Grayconnection between them, and to re-create and there could be no doubt either of the atmosphere in which those facts oc-curred and which made them possible. He She was seeking neither for the old nor "I see no reason. Miss Morgan, why you should have credited me with a lack of faith in your word. Have I said for its quality—that is, for its degree of synonymous, but was in full sympa- vocally and through its press, which was anything to induce such a betief in your good or evil—upon its surrounding atmostyle whole, joyous life around her. It was sufyinced that it would be an overwhelming air that he breathes, and for this reason ficient to her to be a part of the human he wished to send in advance a dispatch tide, and to feel by contact the keenness about Mr. Grayson and his personality as and zest of the human endeavor. She was

"All the better," she rejoined. "I have

at the Keystone Hotel, where she is re-

lieved of the distastful duties of house

disturb him now? We do not know that he has finished his task."

Harley flushed. He did not wish to be thought a prig or one who made a pretense of great industry, and, dithough miss Morgan's voice was without expression, he believed that irony lay hidden somewhere in it.

"You are mistaken," he said; "my work is over, for the time, at least. It was something that had to be done, or I should not have stolen off here alone."

Then he went back with them to the least state of cities, before 2,000,000. The apprehensive for Jimmy Grayson's sake, "There was a free a good puller," rejoined the theatrical world a practice of "try-ling a new piece on the dog"—that is, of presenting it first in some small town which was not too particular—but now the political world was moving differently in this particular case. The candidate was to make his first appearance in one of the greatest of cities, before 2,000,000 hand, for which mechanical work the people, so to speak, and the ordeal would be reported in full by short-hand, for which mechanical work to still upon his face. There was an instant ber of that guild, and Harley was free apprehensive for Jimmy Grayson's sake.

Then he went back with them to the pectations of either his friends or his enemies. There had grown up lately in the theatrical world a practice of "try-ling and the theatrical world a practice of "try-ling and the order was seen by many, and, throwing her arms about nis neck, kissed him. The act was seen by many. There were some dry preliminaries—in the draw and other necessary bores—and then the addit to smack too little of restraint—in the condition of the remeive of that guild not like it: her emotion seemed to him too youthful, to smack too little of restraint—in the condition of the remeive of the rece. Mr. Harley; they will not ignore me."

No. you are a good puller," rejoined Harley.

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But she did not seem to be wholly con-

"I could not bear it if he failed," she continued. "He is my uncle, and he is our own Western man. What things lightning flash that here was a man who that they would do nothing as yet patches from the Russo-Turkish war, our own Western man. What thing which was ancient history to Harley, would be in the newspapers to-morrow!" "If I.r. Grayson should fall to-night, he would recover himself at his second box in which Miss Morgan sat. She speech; he has your spirit, you know," seemed to have read his faith in his eyes, said the ancient Tremaine.

But she did not seem to relish his elder-ly gallantry. "How do you know I have spirit?" she asked. "I have done nothing as the candidate did not have to conquer

Miss Morgan seemed subdued, there could be no

me much pleasure.

rayson."

"Oh, I see! You are falling under the still the forgot these after-thoughts in taken from a pho were the lines: "What do you mean?" demanded Har-

But Churchill would not answer. sauntered away, still sneering. Harley looked after him angrily, but concluded advantage; but Tremaine, safe in his in a few moments that his wrath was

full cause for the trepidation of his femison and Miss Morgan. The city, astir with the coming speech, was free to exsure that it would be a failure just as overwhelming.

Harley had in his pocket a copy of

and useful little compliment that a wise Grayson on her husband's triumph. As he wrote Harley became more and more absorbed in his subject, and with the absorption came spontaneity. He did not know how well he was writing, nor know how well he was writing, nor here.

Harley glanced at her. The flush was soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am sure that you can do it." And he knew his man; Harley glanced at her was a soft the end, he added: "I am s

of add, gravely; "but if I am to take you at your word, you mean nothing Grayson was as yet but a name, the kind."

"I do mean It; I assure you I do," said Have, hastily. "But are Mr. and Mrs. Grayson-ready to receive visitors."

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"That depends. I am not sure that I want to know in the day. At least, I want to know in advance the subject of the interview, at the large, hastily. "But are Mr. and Mrs. Grayson, ready to receive visitors."

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gathered. Mr. and Mrs. Grayson were in the drawing-room, with the door shut, working upon the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the drawing that irrepressible opposite the condition of the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" repressible opposite the candidate's speech at "Fail:" replied that irrepressible opposite the candidate's speech a the drawing-room, with the door shut, working upon the candidate's speech at Chicago, Harley surmised, and hence there was no restraint. Of this group the girl from Idaho was the center and the surmised to the casion."

he glanced at their faces. There was pallor in their cheeks, and their whole attitude was of strained and intense waiting. For them the crucial moment had come and Harley had too much humanity and the saw as going on, and he saw as going on, and he saw as more than the come and Harley had too much humanity and the saw as going on, and he saw as more than the come and Harley had too much humanity and the saw as going on, and he saw as more than the come and Harley had too much humanity and the saw as more than the come and Harley had too much humanity and the saw as more than the come and Harley had too much humanity and the saw as more than the come and Harley had too much humanity and the saw as more than the come and the come and

on with her at all, and he sat rather on ley and Tremaine as if seeking confirmation.

It will be a terrible test," said Harley, Again she inspired him with hostility; frankly, "but I feel sure that Mr. Gray-he seemed, as before, too hold, too hois-

would not fail, and by an unknown imfor a look of relief, even joy, came over

his audience. He held it in his spell from "I inferred it," replied he, bowing, but the opening sentence; the golden and comshe only lifted her chin incredulously, pelling oratory, afterward so famous, and Tremaine subsided, his suppression was here poured before the greater world giving Harley some quiet enjoyment. for the first time. Harley listened to the They returned, chiefly in silence, to the peiods, smooth but powerful, and he hotel. The dusk was coming down over could not throw off their charm; some the great city, and with it a grayish mist things were said of which he was not that hid the walls of the buildings, although the electric lights in lofty stories disagreed, but for the time they all seemand at the hotel door she said to them in was tinged with the vivid hue of sincer-dismissal: "I thank you; you have given ity-that was why they held the audience in a spell that it could not escape; these

Their faces were illumined with joy, Speeches."

vinced that it would be an overwhelming boy the speech was nearly over. He said of which the process is quite simple, protriumph, and the other half was equally emphatically that it was a success, that the audience was brought thoroughly would endure after the candidate was mountain will be shap gone he did not undertake to prophesy. his own paper-the Gazette-the latest to The coldest and most critical seeker after reach him, and he had read it with the truth and nothing but the truth could

thusiasm knew no bounds, assured us

with all sincerity, he congratulated Mrs

few hours ago. "I knew what he

calling to the porter, she told him to announce Mr. Harley, of the New York Gazette." She said again, with what Harley considered unnecessary repetition and emphasis, and he had a new count against her.

Mr. Grayson received him with a calm and pleasant word; if his family were in a tremble, he was not; at least he was plause rose again and again. At last able to hide any apprehension that last of her Uncle James and his speech that night, which might justify the expectations of either his friends or his enemies. There had grown up lately

to disturb them, even with well-meant group of middle-aged or elderly men, the majority of them portly in figure and au-The hum in the crowd increased to a tocratic in bearing, follow the trail of roar, a thunderous call for Grayson, but Jimmy Grayson. Although familiar with frankly, "but I feel sure that Mr. Grayson will pas it with glory. He is a born
orator, and he has courage."

"I thank you for your belief," she said,
"I thank you for your belief," she said,
"I thank you for your belief," she said, giving Harley a swift glance of gratitude, and unaccountably he felt a pleasing glow parently inexpressive; but Harley could watched over as few things in this world and unaccountably he felt a pleasing glow at the first gracious words she had ever spoken to him.

parenty inexpressive, usually so calm, were see that the eyes, usually so calm, were lighted up by a fire from within. Sudpreliminary as it were, and Harley judged that they would do nothing as yet but skirmish upon the outskirts, keeping a wary eye for the main battle when it should be joined.

"Did you notice them?" asked whiteaired Tremaine in his ear. "Oh, yes," replied Harley, who knew at nce what he meant: "I watched them

"One gets to know them instinctively." perd of bull-dogs-if such animals traveled n herds-on the heels of every Presidential candidate for the last forty years, and that covers ten campaigns. suppose they have as much right to look after their interests as the farmer or mechanic has to look after his.

"Yet it is worth while to watch them," said Harley, and all in the

Milwaukee, which gave plenty of time for I rather think that she is wrapped up were convictions, not arguments, that he rest, and Harley, who needed it, slept in Mr. Grayson's success," said Hobart,
"and, as she intimates, it will come pretty
near to breaking her heart if he falls,"
In the lobby Harley met Churchill, of late. But when he rose and dressed he the Monitor, and Churchill, as usual, was sudience who could not follow him.

Harley, no orator himself, had in the picked up was sensational in character, "I imagine that Grayson will make a display of provincialism to-night," he said. "America will have to blush for herself. I have copies of the Montey." Grayson's value and the charm of Grayson, but almost door of Harley's room at the hotel.

"There is some idle time this afternoon," said Hobart, "and Tremaine and I have asked Miss Morgan to go driving.

She has accounted but it takes form. such an outre Western character for President, one of the boys, you know."

"The Grayson of the Monitor is not the Grayson of reality," replied Harley, "and the opinion of Europe does not matter, because Europe knows nothing about Mr. In the Presidency of the United States, but his gift would not necessarily qualify him to administer the office. It the opinion of Europe knows nothing about Mr. In the Presidency of the United States, but his gift would not necessarily qualify him to administer the office. It the presidence of the stage close to the footlights, and twenty thousand people were frantically cheering the spectacle. By the side of this picture was another a perfectly continued to the presidence of the stage close to the footlights, and the presidence of the stage close to the footlights. because Europe knows nothing about Mr. was a tribute to Harley's power of will this picture was another, a perfectly cor or detachment that he was able at such a time io ask himself such a question. the pleasureable sympathy that his view of the candidate's wife and niece aroused Furnishes the Western Fire for His

And then in two columns of leaded Feeling his spell so strongly themselves, they knew without looking that the audience felt it, too, and the evening could told the story of Sylvia Morgan. Flushed be no fuller for them. Here he was, a with enthusiasm, the account said, she here not only for his womenkind, but for had come from Idaho to help her uncle, all whom his womenkind could see, and the candidate. Although only eighteen Harley thought that under the influence years of age—she was twenty-two—she of this feeling Miss Morgan's features had displayed a most remarkable per-had become very soft and feminine. The curve of the jaw was gentle rather than issues. It was she, with her youthful firm, and now in her softer moments it zeal, who inspired Mr. Grayson and his When Harley started at an early hour for the vast hall in which Mr. Grayson was to speak, he realized that there was woman. Then he blushed at himself for them some happy thought, some tella condescending thought, and ing phrase that was sure to captivate turned to his task-that is, the effort to the people. In a pinch she could make reproduce for readers in New York, the a speech herself, and she would probevening in a Chicago hall, and the exact And she was as beautiful as she was relation that Mr. Grayson, the people, intellectual and eloquent; she would be and the events of the hour bore to each the most picturesque feature of this or ther.

Harley was a conscientious man, interIt continued in this vein for two colested in his work, and when he gave the lumns, employing all the latest devices last page of the dispatch to a telegraph of the newest and yellowest journalism, you take a grain of fact and you build under the spell, but whether this spell upon it a mountain of fancy, and the would endure after the candidate was mountain will be shaped according to

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BOOTS WON'T WEAR OUT.

Frogs are eaten from East to West, Indiana Man Has a Pair That He Has Worn a Quarter Century,

If all Indiana farmers possessed a pair of boots like those of Logan Ping, who lives near Belisville, Brown County, many boot dealers would be forced out of business and the leather trust would suffer a taste for the hopping amphibian? Snails, slimy and repulsive, are looked severe blow. He has a pair of boots that won't wear out.

Logan Ping is now seventy-seven years

purchased twenty-five years ago. In that time he has walked hundreds of miles over the wilds of Brown County, but the boots have defied time and usage. A few A visiting bishop in Washington was small patches have been necessary, Mr.

To the method used to tan the leather the wearer attributes the lasting qualities of the boots. This method Shoemaker Williams kept to himself, and those who wore his boots and shoes declare that his secret process was far better than any

in use to-day. Longevity is a characteristic of the Ping family. His mother lived to be eight;

Table Delicacies Gathered from the Reptile and Insect World. lin district, who are paid their week's From Chamber's Journal. wages Saturday nights, Joplin banks

QUEER THINGS IN DIET.

Man's gastronomic predilections do not

In Egypt and along the great rivers of

they try it out of curiosity.

One would think the line might well be

from China to the United States. The French were the first to serve the frog From the Indianapolis Star. up at table, but the Yankees run them a cease at beast and bird and fish; the rep- close second. Who knows but that some entente cordiale by adopting the Gallic

that boaconstrictor tasted like yeal,

upon with loathing by the average Briton. America, and Australia, and what is the weigh against the undoubted nutritive of his work. The boots and shoes which exceedile or alligator but a lizard of a qualities of the land of mollusk. The went forth from his small shop of hewn Once a young man presented a check at crocodile or alligator but a lizard of a qualities of the land of mollusk. The nails are collected by the women and logs outlasted many of their wearers. children, and are then placed in inclosures to feed upon selected vegetable food to old, and he is still wearing the boots he impart to them the requisite flavor

arguing with a gentleman friend of his on the desirability of attending church, practically as good as new to-day. drawn at snakes. But because of that on the desirability of attending church. "What is your personal reason for not attending?"

> The gentleman smiled in a no-offense ntended way as he replied:
> "The fact is one finds so many hypo crites there."

Returning the smile, the bishop said:

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

'Don't let that keep you away; there is years old and her father died at the aga | of 115.

kept at the boiling point for a few min heat escapes, and the high temperature me.

dinner on the table, cooked to a turn

A box is just what it is, and for

the usual army purposes must be espe-

ceoker works is simple.

given the food does the work without aid. The box is, of course, divided into com-United States government has adopted again the army's digestion is helped. commissary department, now on leave Bread can be baked in it, but for the same reason of lack of external heat the man who, about two years ago, started the cooking and baking schools in con-

down appreciably the army's indigestion. This fireless cooker, like any other piece of seeming magic, is run on strictly rational principles, though its accomplishments seem welrd to the man just introduced to it. You put into it when you leave home-or leave camp-in the morning, the ingredients of your evening meal, and when you return all you have to do

cially big. The principle upon which the The food is first warmed up by being ause you no unhappiness."

"And is your decision final, Miss Smith-"Absolutely, Mr. Jenkins. I hope it will

partments so thoroughly sealed as to nake impossible any mingling of odors. Thus cabbage and plum pudding may be ooked at the same time, and neither will

missary department adopted it for general army use. It is pointed out that ations could be served hot along the battle front with this device, for the cooks may be lighted, would have hot food in-

"Quite the contrary, I assure you. I'll after her marriage to Mr. Church she de-

Feminine Cashier in Missouri Never keeping. Taken In by Forgers. All the bank cashiers of the United

BANK RUN BY WOMAN.

States are not men. The exception to this do not close until 9 o'clock of that even-One excellent characteristic of the box almost universal rule is found in Joplin, ing. Often the Bank of Joplin cashes an is the fact that in it nothing can be fried, Mo., where Mrs. F. V. Church, as cashier aggregate of \$100,000 worth of checks for tile and insect world contribute their day the British will further cement the vented by Capt. M. S. Murray, of the for the heat never is great enough. There of the Bank of Joplin, with a number of the miners in the two hours precedings quota to his heterogenous table. woman assistants, has carried on the business of the bank successfully for a number of companies in aldermanic banquet, and it is not sursame reason of lack of external heat the look of external heat the loo nection with the army training school at that the small boy delights to cat.

Fort Riley, Kans, and which has cut The cooker met with such success in nold, no men have been employed in the paper. Fort Riley and in the Pennsylvania State bank for almost a score of years, and yet maneuvers last summer, that the comit is known as one of the most substantive window. Mrs. Church readily detections the window. Mrs. Church readily detections and the window will be window. Mrs. Church readily detections and the window will be window. Mrs. Church readily detections and the window will be window. Mrs. Church readily detections and the window will be window. Mrs. Church readily detections and the window will be window. Mrs. Church readily detections and the window will be window with the windo tial institutions in Missouri

The stockholders of the bank freely admit that to the women employes of their private watchman employed by the bank ould prepare the meals at the rear and institution they owe much of its success, answered the summons of Mrs. Church. number of employes, women are constant- afterward sent to the penitentiary. ly added to its executive staff. Seventeen years ago Mrs. Church entered the employ of Mr. Cunningham as From the Houston Post,

housekeeper. She then became teller, and that came true?" for a time occupied both positions. Finally her good work was rewarded with the caused a lot of trouble by a tall, dark promotion to the cashier's post. She became so fascinated with the work that woman."

It Came to Par "Did that fortune teller predict anything "Yes, she told me I was going to be

"And were you?"
"Yes; I found my wife sitting up waithome life. She and her husband now live home."

ed that the check was a fergery, and asked him around to a side window to reother parts of Africa, South America and ceive his money. In a few minutes the South Asia, the ungainly reptile is devoured with relish. Europeans do not take the men in the trenches, where no fires and as its growth calls for a greater and the young man was arrested and kindly to it as an article of diet, although

evil reputation gained just after the dawn At last he put the question squarely: of the creation the reptile cannot be allowed to shirk his obligations. The Chinaman utilizes snakes for sustenance and for medicine, and he is kept in counregroes of Africa, the Malaysians, and the The fellows I bet with said you'd accept bank for the attractions afforded her in ing for me that night when I arrived late Frank Ruckland, whose goological encounters and the high temperature. late Frank Buckland, whose zoological en- always room for one more."